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SUBJ: JAPAN SOVIET TALKS GET HEADLINES, BUT NOT MUCH COMMENT,  
IN ROK PRESS

REF: MOSCOW 614 (DTG 151624Z JAN 76)

1. OPENING OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND SOVIET  
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN TOKYO JANUARY 9-13 WAS COVERED IN  
FRONT PAGE ARTICLES IN ROK PRESS AND BY AN EDITORIAL  
IN THE TONG-A ILBO JANUARY 9 WHICH EXPRESSED THE  
FORLORN HOPE THAT THE SOVIETS, FOLLOWING THE PRECEDENT OF THE  
JAPAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 1973, WOULD MAKE SOME  
EFFORT TO IMPROVE NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS IN KOREA. THE  
EDITORIAL ALSO MENTIONED THE PROBLEM OF REPATRIATING KOREANS  
STRANDED IN KAKHALIN AT THE END OF WW II. THE CONCLUSION OF  
THE CONFERENCE AGAIN DREW HEADLINE TREATMENT IN MOST  
PAPERS ON JANUARY 13. THE ONLY FOLLOW-UP EDITORIAL TREATMENT  
THUS FAR HAS BEEN IN THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED SEOUL SHINMUN,  
WHICH CHARACTERIZED AS QTE PARTICULARLY DISHEARTENING UNQTE  
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THE NEGATIVE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD A FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE

TO RESOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM, CALLING IT INCONSISTANT WITH THE SOVIET PLEDGE OF HELSINKI TO WORK FOR RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION. THE EDITORIAL ALSO DECRIED GROMYKO'S REJECTION OF JAPANESE REQUEST TO REPATRIATE KOREANS IN KAKHALIN ON GROUNDS IT WAS STRICTLY BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PYONGYANG.

2. MOFA HAD NOT EXPECTED SOVIETS TO USE TALKS WITH JAPANESE AS A VEHICLE FOR DEALING WITH KOREAN QUESTION. ROK AMBASSADORS HAVE STANDING INSTRUCTIONS, HOWEVER, TO EXPLOIT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HOST GOVERNMENTS RAISE KOREAN ISSUE WITH SOVIETS, AND THOSE INSTRUCTIONS WERE FOLLOWED BY ROK EMBASSY TOKYO. SO FAR ONLY OFFICIAL READ-OUT ROKG HAS IS FROM GAIMUSHO EAST ASIA BUREAU DIRECTOR WHO CHARACTERIZED SOVIET REACTION TO JAPANESE ATTEMPT TO ELICIT RESPONSE ON FOUR POWER TALKS ON KOREA AS QTE DISINTERESTED UNQTE. MOFA EXPECTS MORE AUTHORITATIVE, ALTHOUGH NOT MORE OPTIMISTIC, REPORT LATER.  
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